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SUBJ: LA NACION EDITORIAL LAUDS ATTITUDE OF EGAN WIDOW

1. IN THE BUENOS AIRES DAILY LA NACION, MARCH 18TH  
ISSUE, THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED EXTOLLING  
THE WORDS AND ATTITUDE OF SRA. CYRILA LEONARD  
EGAN, WIDOW OF THE LATE JOHN PATICK EGAN, U.S.  
CONSULAR AGENT, CORDOBA, ASSASSINATED IN THAT  
CITY BY EXTREMIST ELEMENTS ON FEB 28 LAST:

2. WORDS WORTHY OF NOTE

3. "FOLLOWING THE CRUEL ASSASSINATION OF THE AMERICAN  
CONSUL IN CORDOBA, WE EXPRESSED IN THESE COLUMNS  
THE OPINION AND REACTION OF THE IMMENSE MAJORITY  
OF THE PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF THESE REGRETTABLE  
INCIDENTS. NOW, IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNFORTUNATE  
EVENT, THE NOBLY-INSPIRED STATEMENT THE VICTIM'S  
WIFE MADE ON HER DEPARTURE FROM OUR COUNTRY, IN  
WHICH SHE DECLARED HER INTENTION OF RETURNING,  
DESERVES TO GO ON RECORD. HER WORDS TRANSCEND A  
COMPASSIONATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHICH CAUSED HER PERSONAL TRAGEDY AND HER RESPECT  
FOR THE SOCIETY WHICH IS GRIEVED BY SUCH PROBLEMS  
WITHOUT CONFUSING IT (THE SOCIETY) WITH THOSE  
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WHO RESORT TO INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE TO ATTAIN

THEIR OBJECTIVES.

4. "HER STATEMENT MAKES US REALIZE THAT ABNORMALITIES NEVER KOWN BEFORE EXIST IN ARGENTINA--THAT IS, RUTHLESS ATTACKS ON HUMAN BEINGS EXCLUSIVELY BECAUSE OF THEIR ORIGIN, THEIR RACE, THEIR NATIONALITY. THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN CORDOBA AND HIS WIFE WERE, AFTER ALL, A MARRIED COUPLE WHO HAD CHOSEN TO LIVE AMONG US, AS HAS HAPPENED FOR MANY DECADES WITH MEN AND WOMEN COMING FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE. THIS MURDER REVEALS A WILL NOT TO PARDON OTHERS FOR THE CRIME OF HAVING BEEN BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AND TO ATTACK A COUNTRY IN THE PERSON OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE MURDERED FOR THEIR RELIGION OR OUT OF RACIAL HATRED.

5. "LET US RECORD THE WORDS OF A WOMAN OF FOREIGN NATIONALITY WHO DOES NOT STOP LOVING OUR LAND DESPITE HER GRIEF, AND LET US NURTURE THE HOPE THAT ARGENTINA MAY CONTINUE TO BE THE HOME FOR ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL WHO WISH TO LIVE ON HER SOIL, INCLUDING OUR FELLOW CITIZENS WHO ARE ALSO ANGUISHED OVER THIS SICKLY VIOLENCE."  
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